

On-Line Visualization

Quiet Magnetosphere

Heliophysics Laboratory Primer

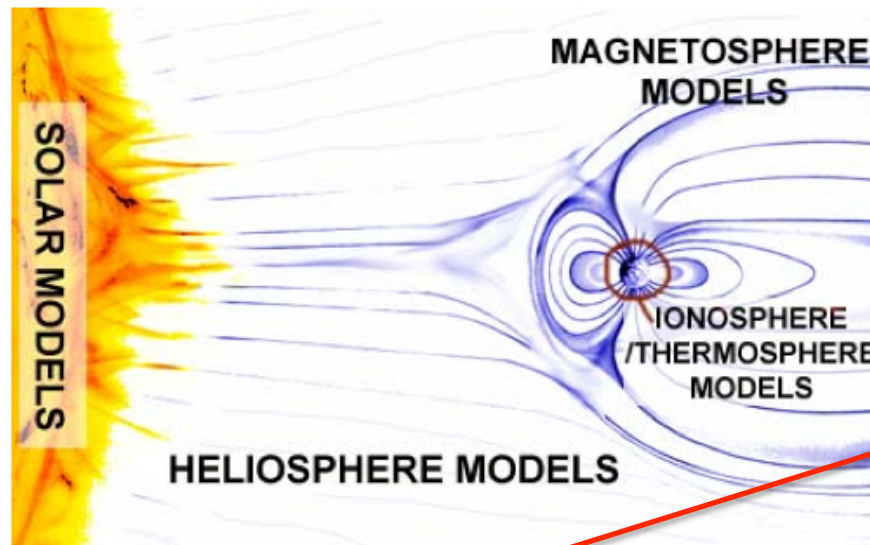
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Heliophysics Laboratory Primer

This primer has been created to help you to:

1. use the CCMC tools designed to interrogate Heliophysics models at CCMC, and
2. obtain a top level view of the connectivity and naming of regions and parameters that comprize the heliophysics system.

The highest level picture of the Heliophysics system shows three components - the Sun, the solar wind, and the magnetosphere while buried inside the magnetosphere is the ionosphere and thermosphere. Click for the specific primer:



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On-line Visualization

Quiet Magnetosphere (Equinox)

Magnetosphere

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| Run Number | Keyword | Model | Model Version | Event date | V _x | N | B | IMF Clock Angle | B _x | B _y | B _z | Conductance Model |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|---------|---------------|---------------|----------------|-----|-----|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| HSS2011_SWMF_051111_2 | HS2010, equinox, quiet | BATSRUS | v8.01 | March 21 2007 | -400.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 180.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -5.0 | uniform p=5,h=0 |

Run output in CDF format: [HSS2011_SWMF_051111_2_T200.out.cdf](#)

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On-Line Visualization: Quiet Magnetosphere

HSS2011_SWMF_051111_2

Title/Introduction:

Key Word: HS2010, equinox, quiet

3D MHD Model: BATSRUS

Simulation With Modeled Conditions

Inflow Boundary Conditions: Fixed

Start Time: 2000/01/01 00:00

End Time: 2000/01/01 02:00

Dipole Tilt at Start in X-Z Plane: 0.0 deg.

Dipole Tilt in Y-Z GSE Plane: 0.0 deg.

Dipole Update With Time: no

Ionospheric Conductance: uniformp5,h0

No Corotation Velocity is Applied at The Inner Boundary.

Radio Flux 10.7 cm: 150.

Coordinate System for the Output: GSM

Initial Solar Wind (SW) Parameters in GSM Coordinates:

SW Density: 5.00 n/cc

SW Temperature [Kelvin]: 232100.00 Kelvin

X Component of SW Velocity: -400.00 km/sec

Y Component of SW Velocity: 0.00 km/sec

Z Component of SW Velocity: 0.00 km/sec

IMF Bx: 0.00 nT

IMF By: 0.00 nT

IMF Bz: -5.00 nT

IMF |B|: 5.00 nT

IMF Clock Angle: 180.0 deg.

- View [solar wind input data](#)
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Make a First Plot with Default Selections

Click here

3D Simulation Results: Model: BATSRUS Run: HSS2011_SWMF_051111_2

This is the web interface for the visualization of results of a three-dimensional simulation of the Earth's environment.

Please review the [default selections](#) below and make your changes.

To start the graphics program click the *Update Plot* button. The resulting image will be displayed at this location of the page.

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Update Plot

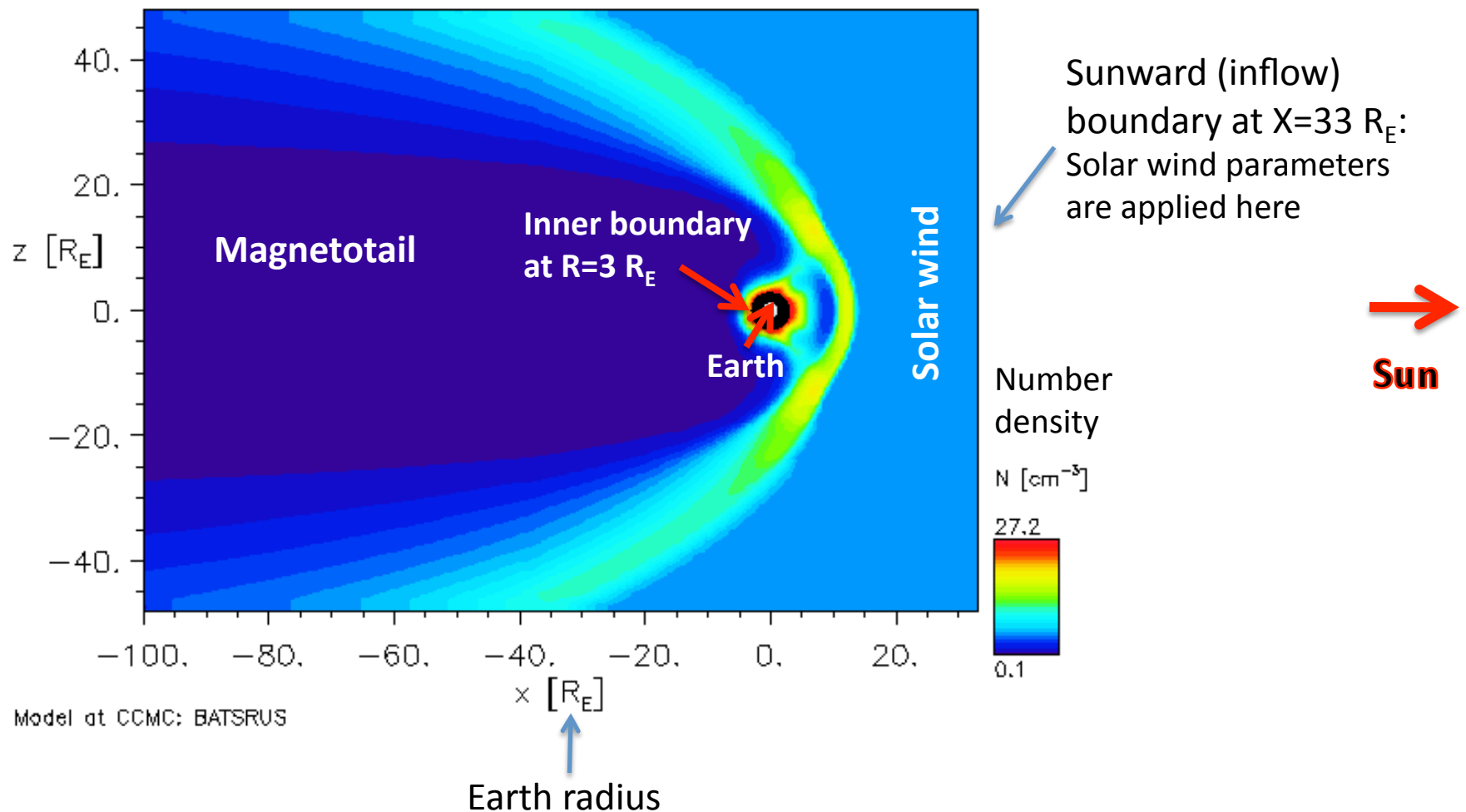
Update Plot will update (generate) the plot with the chosen time and plot parameters below. **This will take some time (typically 10-30s) as data is read in and processed.**

Magnetosphere Overview Plot: Color Contour

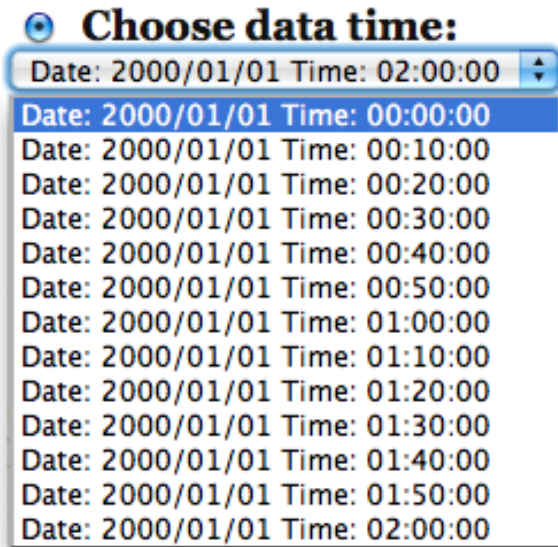
Number density in noon-midnight meridional plane ($Y=0$)

Default date for runs with model conditions

01/01/2000 Time = 02:00:00 UT $y = 0.00R_E$



Select time step



Choose time step from the pull-down menu

Click "**Update Plot**" to make a plot with default selections

OR

Scroll down to modify default selections such as
"Physical Variables", "Plot Mode",
"Plot Area", "Plot Options", etc.

Select **Plot Mode** and **Physical Variables** to be Displayed from Pull-Down Menus

Click here for Plot Modes description

Click here for the complete list of **physical variables** written by global MHD models

Choose **Plot Mode**:

- ColorContour (2D)
- 3D-Surface
- Line (1D)
- Contour (2D)
- Vector (2D)
- ColorContour (2D)**
- Color+Vector
- Contour+Vector
- Color+Contour
- Color+Vector+Contour
- Color+Vector+Flowlines
- 3D Flowlines

Color Contour, (Vertical) Li

Color table: Rainbow

☐ Reverse Colortable

Number of levels: 32

Choose **quantity** to be displayed (some **Plot Modes** require up to three choices):

Q 1: J Q 2: N Q 3: N

Note: gradients and curls are not yet available with SWX plot mode

Selected Physical Variables:

lines:

- N
- V_x
- V_y
- V_z
- B_x
- B_y
- B_z
- P
- B1_x
- B1_y
- B1_z
- En.
- J_x
- J_y
- J_z
- B
- beta
- V
- J**
- B1

Plot Mode Example:

ColorContour – Contour plot in 2D slice (2D Plot Area) using color-filled levels. Physical Variable (e.g., J – current density magnitude) is selected in Q1 pull-down menu

Scroll down to choose “Plot Area”

Choose Plot Area

Choose Plot Area:

All **Plot Modes** except **Line Plot** and **Vertical Plot**: Select lower left corner of plot area on the left, and the upper right corner on the right.

Line Plot: Select start point of line on the left, the end point on the right.

Vertical Plot: Select X and Y position on the left.

| | | | | |
|----------------|----------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| X ₁ | <input type="text" value="-30"/> | X ₂ | <input type="text" value="15"/> | Range: -255 ... 33 R _E |
| Y ₁ | <input type="text" value="-21"/> | Y ₂ | <input type="text" value="21"/> | Range: -48 ... 48 R _E |
| Z ₁ | <input type="text" value="-15"/> | Z ₂ | <input type="text" value="15"/> | Range: -48 ... 48 R _E |

Choose Cut Plane:

| | | |
|------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| X=constant | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="text" value="-15"/> |
| Y=constant | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="text" value="0"/> |
| Z=constant | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="text" value="0"/> |

Reset Form will reset changes to the defaults specified by the previous run of this script.

Update Plot will update (generate) the plot with the chosen time and plot parameters above.

Choose Cut Plane, e.g.,

Y = 0 – noon-midnight meridional plane

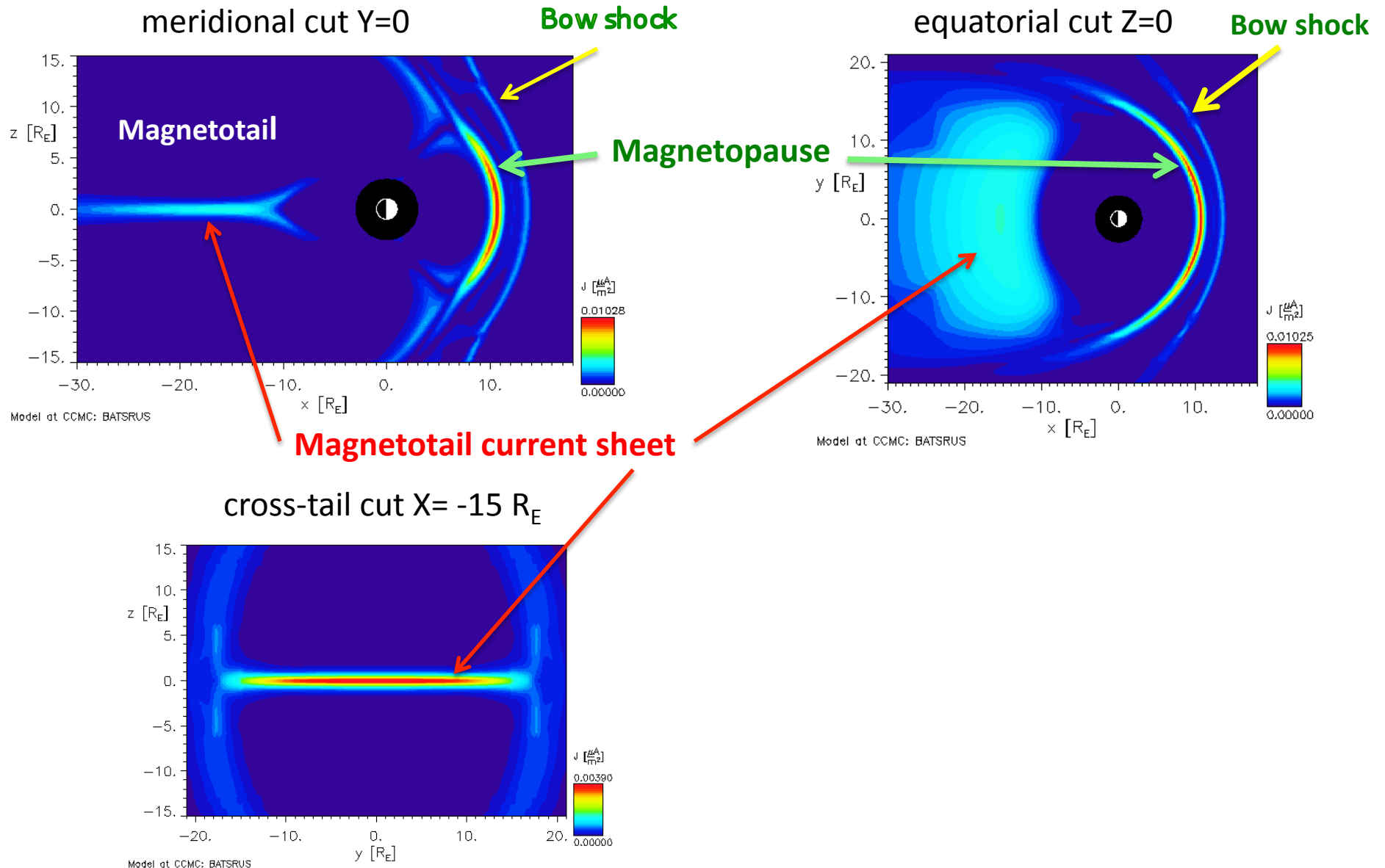
Z = 0 – equatorial plane

X = -15 R_E – cross-tail cut

Choose Plot Area: Zoom-in to the area of interest

Click “Update Plot”

Color Contour Plots of Current Density (J) in Different Cut Planes



Example: Color+Vector+Flowlines Plot Mode

Plasma Pressure, Velocity Vectors, Magnetic Field Lines

Choose Plot Mode: **Color+Vector+Flowlines**

Choose Physical Variable for Color (Q1 menu): **P (pressure)**

Choose Physical Variable for Vector (Q2 menu): **any component of the velocity vector (V_x , V_y or V_z)**

Choose Physical Variable for Flowlines (Q3 menu): **any component of the magnetic field vector (B_x , B_y or B_z)**

Choose Cut Plane: **$Y=\text{constant}=0$**

Choose Plot Area: **$X_1=-25$, $X_2=15$, $Z_1=-15$, $Z_2=15$**

Update Plot

Update Plot will update (generate) the plot with the chosen time and plot parameters below.
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Modify **Plot Options**

Set flow lines thickness to **3**

⊙ **Choose data time:**

Date: 2000/01/01 Time: 02:00:00 ▾

Plot Options:

☒ **Exclude region around the Earth** up to
 R_E

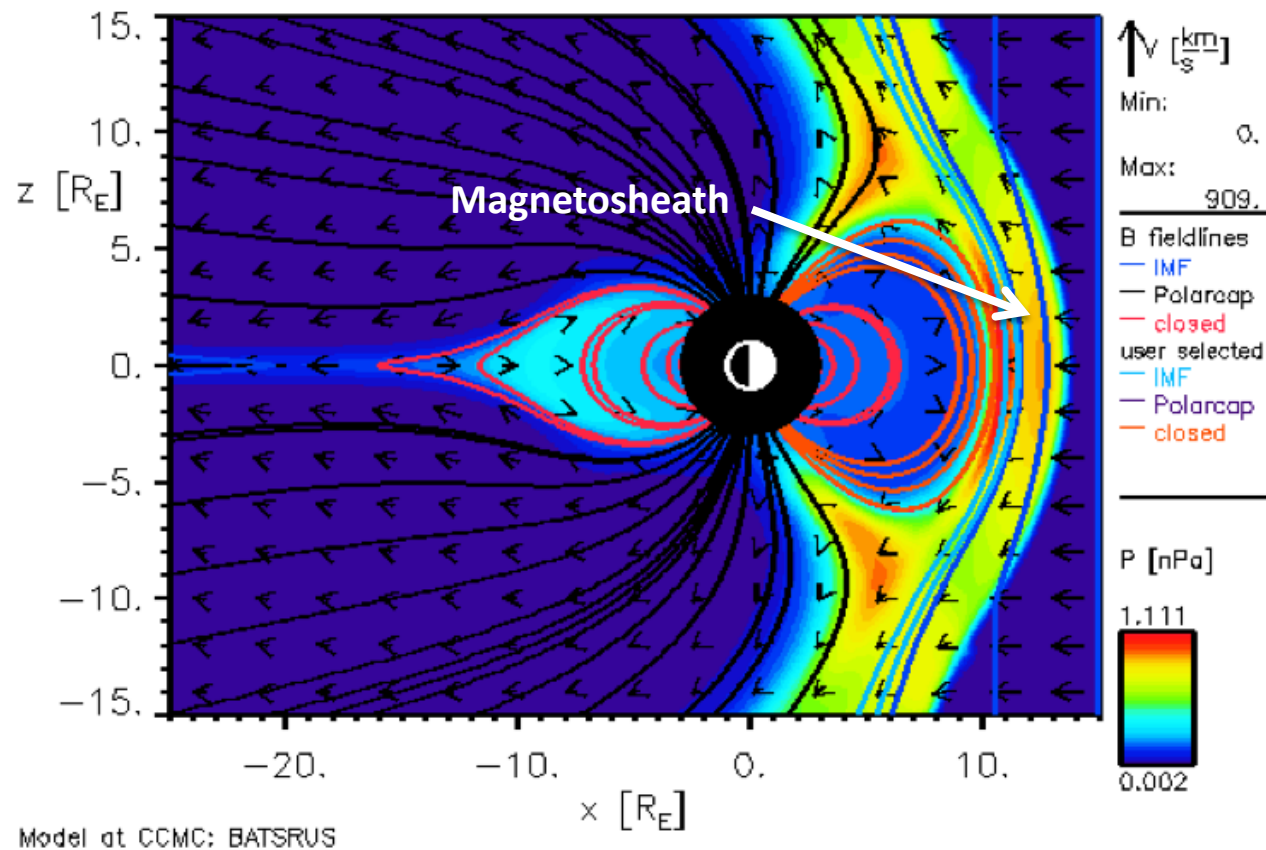
Image magnification ▴ ▾
(all images; use ≥ 1.25 for 3D Flowlines)

Line thickness ▴ ▾ (flow lines, arrows)

Click **“Update Plot”**

Example: Color+Vector+Flowlines Plot Mode (Results)

Plasma Pressure, Velocity Vectors, Magnetic Field Lines,



- Red lines** (closed): Magnetic field (MF) lines with both ends connected to the Earth
- Black lines** (open): MF lines with only one end at the Earth
- Blue lines** (interplanetary): MF lines with both ends in the interplanetary space

Example: Color+Vector+Flowlines Plot Mode

V_x Velocity Component, Velocity Vectors, Velocity Flowlines

Choose Plot Mode: **Color+Vector+Flowlines**

Choose Physical Variable for Color (Q1 menu): **V_x (X-component of velocity)**

Choose Physical Variable for Vector (Q2 menu): **any component of the velocity vector**
(V_x , V_y or V_z)

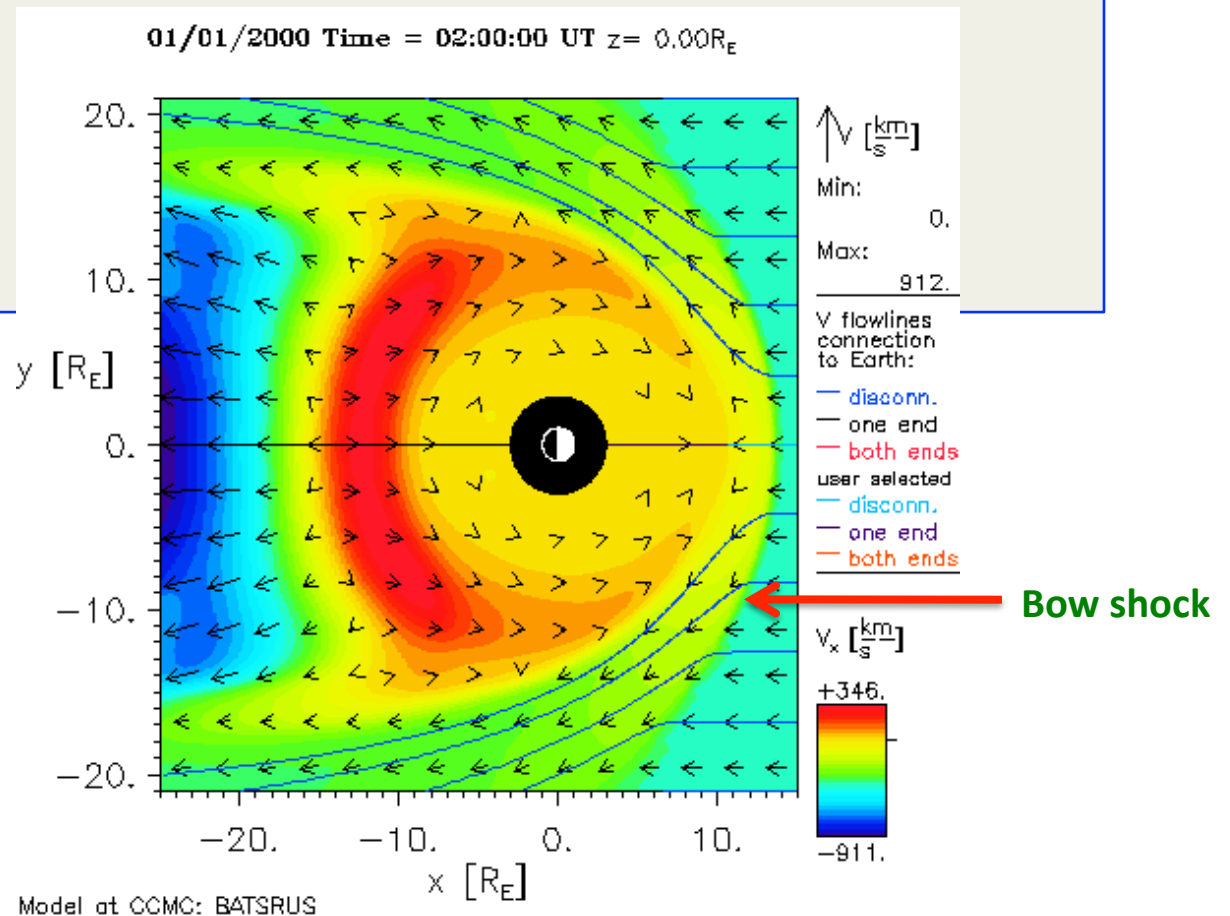
Choose Physical Variable for Flowlines (Q3 menu): **any component of the velocity vector**
(V_x , V_y or V_z)

Choose Cut Plane: **$Z=0$**

Choose Plot Area:

$X_1=-25$, $X_2=15$, $Y_1=-21$, $Y_2=21$

Click “Update Plot”



Example: Line (1D) Plot Mode

Velocity, Current Density, and Number Density

Choose Plot Mode: **Line (1D)**

Choose 1st Physical Variable (Q1 menu): **V (velocity)**

Choose 2nd Physical Variable (Q2 menu): **J (current density)**

Choose 3rd Physical Variable (Q3 menu): **N (number density)**

Choose **Plot Mode**:

Line (1D)

Choose **quantity** to be displayed (some **Plot Modes** require up to three choices):

Q 1: V Q 2: J Q 3: N

Note: divergences, gradients and curls are not yet available with SWX plot modes.

Choose Cut Plane: **Z=0**

Choose start point of line: **X₁=7, Y₁=0, Z₁=0**

Choose start point of line: **X₂=14, Y₂=0, Z₂=0**

X₁ 7

Y₁ 0

Z₁ 0

X₂ 14 Range: -255 ... 33 R_E

Y₂ 0 Range: -48 ... 48 R_E

Z₂ 0 Range: -48 ... 48 R_E

Click "Update Plot"

Example: Line (1D) Plot Mode (Results)

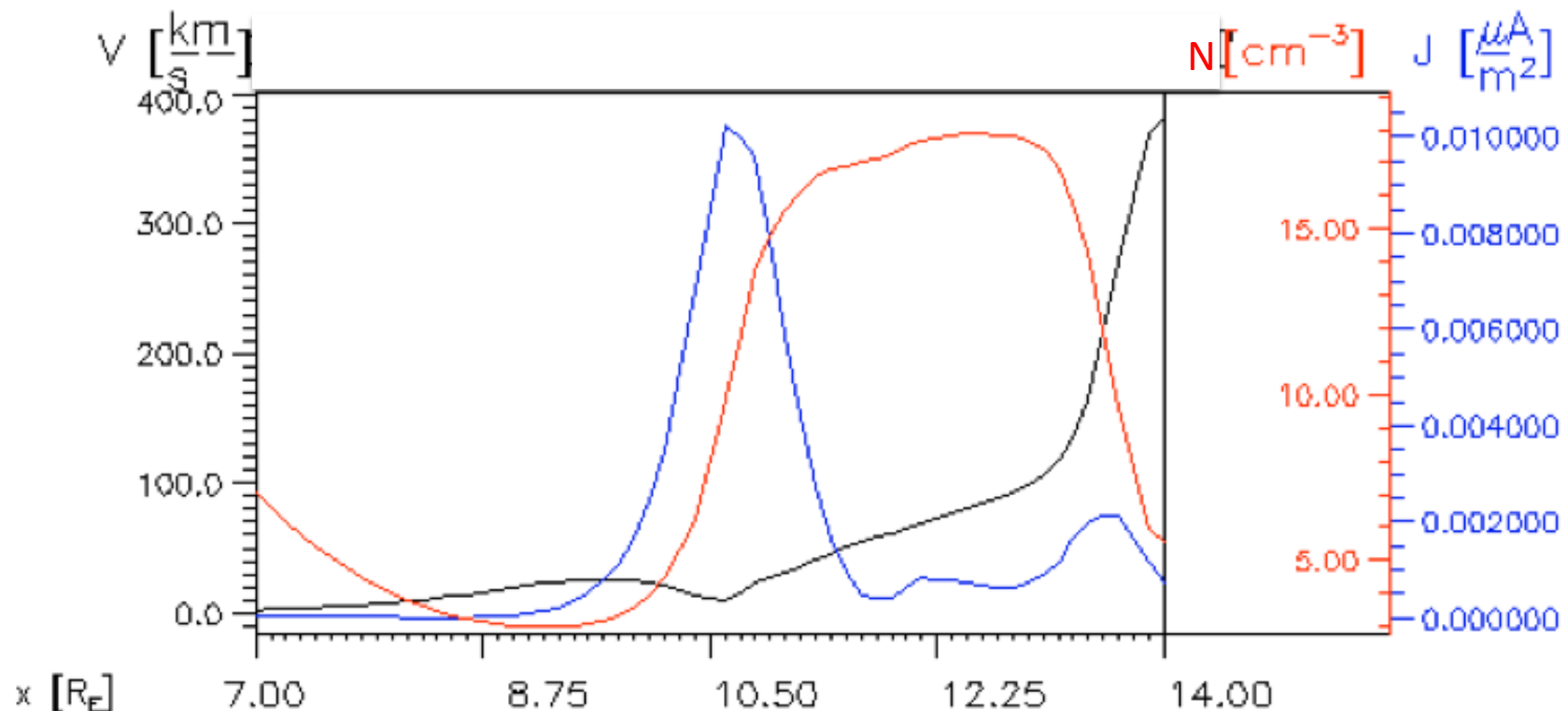
Velocity, Current Density, Number Density

Choose Plot Mode: **Line (1D)**

Choose 1st Physical Variable (Q1 menu): **V (velocity)**

Choose 2nd Physical Variable (Q2 menu): **J (current density)**

Choose 3rd Physical Variable (Q3 menu): **N (number density)**



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Visualize Ionosphere Electrodynamics (optional)

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Dipole Update With Time: no

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No Corotation Velocity is Applied at The Inner Boundary.

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- View Ring Current electron data

Field-aligned currents from the inner boundary of the magnetosphere domain (at about $R = 3 R_E$) are mapped along the magnetic field lines to the ionosphere (at about $R=110$ km). Ionosphere electrodynamics solver derives electrostatic potential at the $R=110$ km sphere and map it back to the magnetosphere

Click here

Make a Plot of Ionospheric Potential with Polar Cap (Default Selections)

2D Ionosphere output
Model: BATSRUS
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This is the web interface for the visualization of: Ionosphere of simulation of solar wind flow around the Earth.

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Please review the **default selections** below and make your changes.

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Update Plot

Update Plot will update (generate) the plot with the chosen time and plot parameters below.

This will take some time (typically 5-10s) as data is read in and processed.

☒ Choose data time:

Date: 2000/01/01 Time: 02:00:00

- or -

☐ Change time by moving

-1 output steps

- or -

☐ Create GIF movie with current plot settings

Note: This is a queue submission system requiring the following three additional inputs:

• Start Time:

Date: 2000/01/01 Time: 00:00:00

Plot Options:

View angles (latitude, longitude from local midnight for EarthView only):

AX [-90..90]: 60 AZ [0..360]: 0

☐ Plot in geographic coordinates with continents

☐ Show Grid (in contour plots):

☐ latitude-MLT/LT grid (10° in Theta, 30° in

☐ simulation grid

Image magnification 1 (all images)

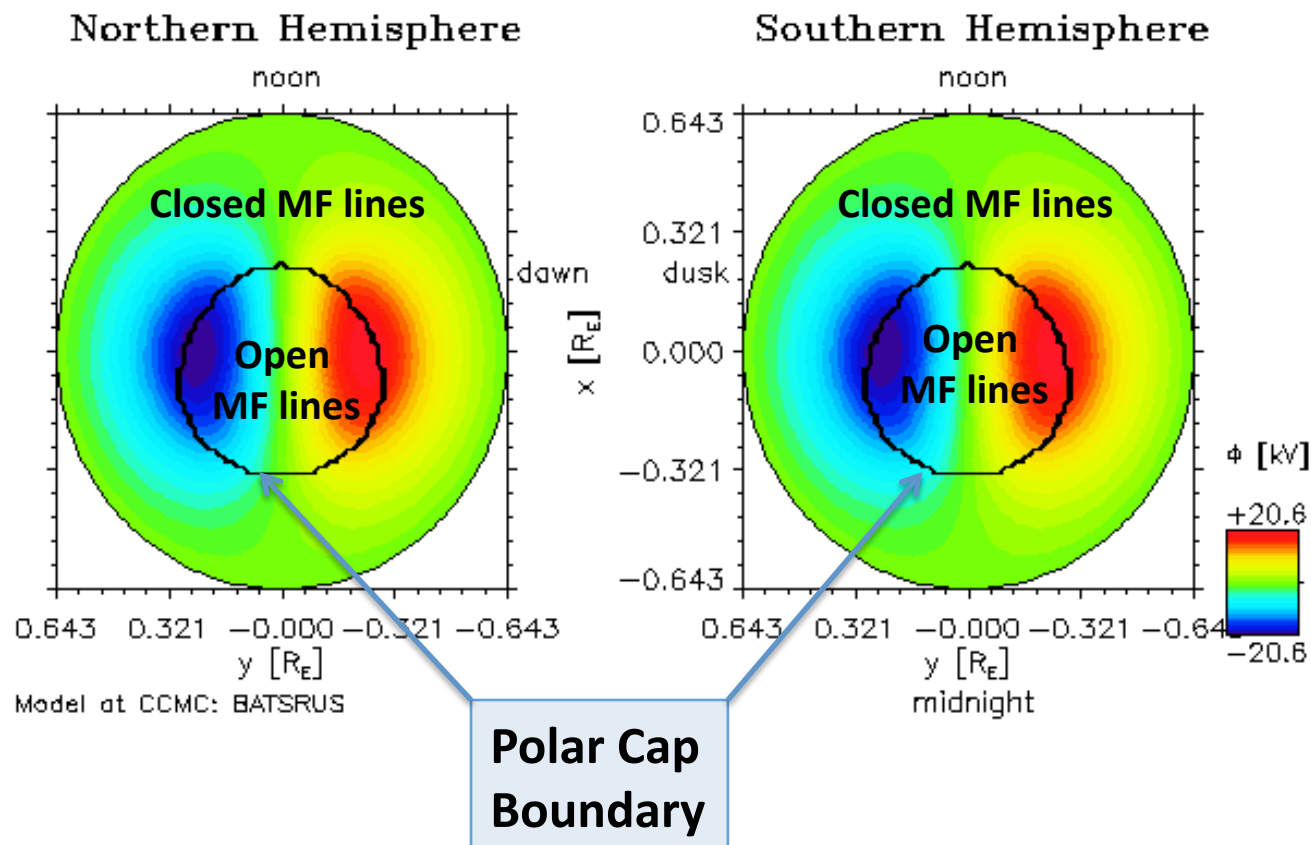
Line thickness 1 (flow lines, arrows)

Character thickness 1 (all annotations)

☒ Plot Polar Cap Boundary (only runs where polar cap had been requested)

Check box

Ionospheric Potential with Polar Cap (Results)



Closed: Magnetic field (MF) lines with both ends connected to the ionosphere
Open: MF lines with one end connected to the ionosphere and another end to the interplanetary space